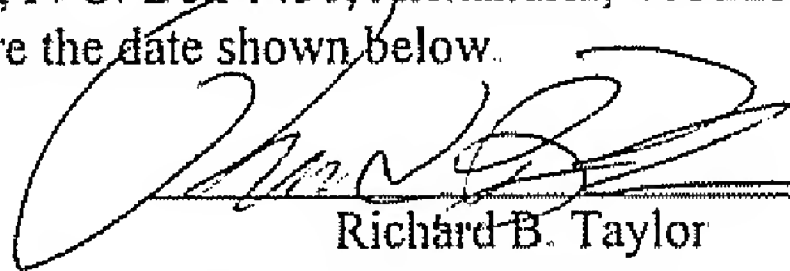


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)	
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LYNN H. SLAUGH, PAUL R. WEIDER,)	
KEVIN D. ALLEN, and JOSEPH B. POWELL)	
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Serial No. 10/790,598)	Group Art Unit: 4162
)	Examiner: Corno Jr, James A
Filed March 1, 2004)	
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ONE-STEP PRODUCTION OF 1,3-PROPANEDIOL)	January 5, 2009
FROM ETHYLENE OXIDE AND SYNGAS WITH)	
<u>A COBALT IRON CATALYST</u>)	

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PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.137(b)

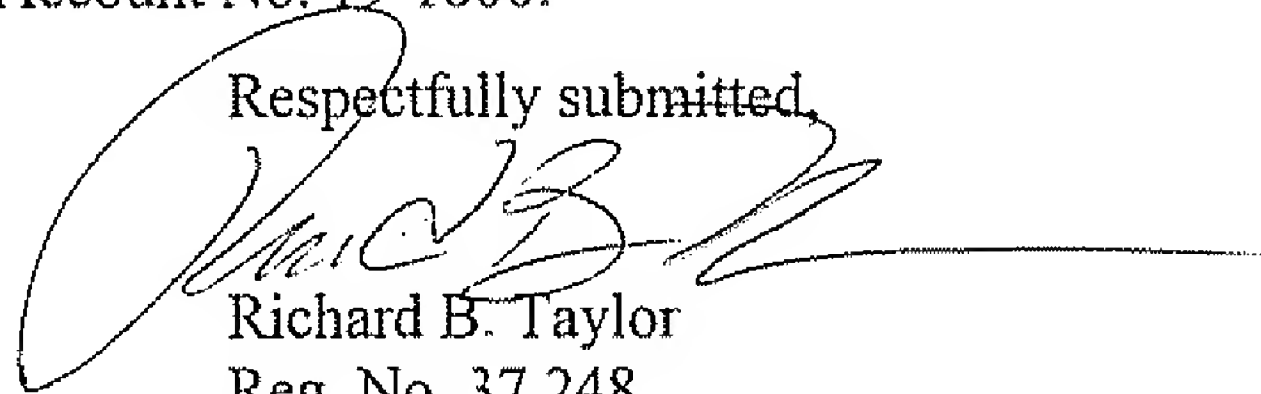
Sir:

Applicant's attorney respectfully petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.137 on the ground that the abandonment of the above-identified application was unintentional. The abandonment occurred as a result of Applicant's attorney inadvertently overlooking the response due date and missing the filing deadline. This petition and the response to the office action together with a petition for a three-month extension of time were filed as soon as possible after Applicant's attorney was made aware of the abandonment by a phone message left by the Examiner, so the entire period for the delay from the abandonment to the filing of this petition was unintentional.

It is submitted, therefore, that on the basis described above the abandonment should be held inadvertent, the case should be revived and the enclosed amendment and response under 37 CFR §1.111 should be entered as responsive to the last Official Action dated June 19, 2008.

Please charge the petition fee in the sum required under 37 CFR §1.17(m) any other necessary fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-1800.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard B. Taylor', is written over the typed name and extends to the right with a long horizontal stroke.

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